

**SENATE RESOLUTION 694—EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF JULY 2022 AS “NATIONAL SARCOMA AWARENESS MONTH”**

Mr. JOHNSON submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

S. RES. 694

Whereas sarcoma is a rare cancer of the bones or connective tissues, such as nerves, muscles, joints, fat, and blood vessels, that can arise nearly anywhere in the body;

Whereas, in the United States—

(1) about 16,000 individuals are diagnosed with sarcoma each year;

(2) approximately 7,000 individuals die from sarcoma each year; and

(3) about 50,000 individuals struggle with sarcoma at any 1 time;

Whereas, each year, about 1 percent of cancers diagnosed in adults and around 20 percent of cancers diagnosed in children are sarcoma;

Whereas more than 70 subtypes of sarcoma have been identified;

Whereas the potential causes of sarcoma are not well understood;

Whereas treatment for sarcoma can include surgery, radiation therapy, or chemotherapy;

Whereas sarcoma is often misdiagnosed and underreported; and

Whereas July 2022 would be an appropriate month to designate as National Sarcoma Awareness Month—

(1) to raise awareness about sarcoma; and

(2) to encourage more individuals in the United States to get properly diagnosed and treated: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate supports the designation of July 2022 as “National Sarcoma Awareness Month”.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 695—DESIGNATING JUNE AS “NATIONAL ANNUITY AWARENESS MONTH”**

Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 695

Whereas annuities provide a predictable way to meet immediate, ongoing, and future financial obligations and objectives in retirement;

Whereas surveys consistently indicate that the vast majority of individuals in the United States are looking for a financial solution that provides the benefits offered by annuities, specifically the ability to address the critical concern of running out of money during retirement;

Whereas outliving retirement savings can—

(1) create a financial hardship that reduces the standard of living in retirement;

(2) defeat the fulfillment of legacy goals; and

(3) require dependence on family and friends for monetary support;

Whereas millions of individuals in the United States currently lack an adequate level of guaranteed income in retirement to ensure a secure financial future for themselves and their loved ones;

Whereas research indicates that an owner of an annuity has a higher confidence in overall retirement readiness;

Whereas an annuity is the only product in the financial marketplace that can provide guaranteed lifetime income;

Whereas determining the type of annuity to buy and when to take income is one of the most important financial decisions a consumer will ever make, and individuals and families can benefit greatly from the expert guidance of a financial professional; and

Whereas numerous stakeholders who support annuities have designated June as “National Annuity Awareness Month”, the goals of which are—

(1) to educate consumers on annuity benefits;

(2) to support access to annuities to meet the individual financial goals of consumers; and

(3) to encourage savers to seek professional guidance to implement annuities effectively in income and legacy planning: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates June as “National Annuity Awareness Month”; and

(2) calls on the United States Government, the States, localities, schools, nonprofit organizations, businesses, and the people of the United States to observe National Annuity Awareness Month with appropriate programs and activities.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 696—RECOGNIZING THE AMERICAN PEOPLE'S COMMITMENT TO REBUILDING UKRAINE**

Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. PORTMAN, and Ms. DUCKWORTH) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 696

Whereas Vladimir Putin's invasion of Ukraine has generated massive levels of human and economic suffering in the sovereign nation of Ukraine;

Whereas, according to the United Nations Human Rights Council, Putin's war has caused more than 7,000,000 civilians to flee from Ukraine since February 24, 2022;

Whereas, according to the World Bank, Putin's war will cause Ukraine's economy to shrink by 45.1 percent during 2022;

Whereas, according to the World Bank, Putin's war in Ukraine has created almost \$60,000,000,000 worth of damage to buildings and infrastructure; and

Whereas Ukrainian civilians are being killed every day and the true number of Ukrainian civilian casualties might never be known: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes that the United States—

(A) has long sought to alleviate the suffering of civilians and nations hurt by war; and

(B) remains committed to ensuring the long-term peace, prosperity, and territorial integrity of Ukraine;

(2) recognizes that aid packages, such as the Marshall Plan—

(A) helped Western Europe recover from the economic damage and human suffering generated by the World War II; and

(B) did much to promote the stability of global good order nations enjoy today;

(3) recognizes that an effective Ukrainian reconstruction effort can only be accomplished by working in concert with other nations and international bodies; and

(4) encourages the United States Government to lead an international group of allies that will equitably contribute to provide the Government of Ukraine and the Ukrainian people with a reconstruction assistance package for the purpose of increasing ties be-

tween nations that are seeking a stable international order to counter malign and rogue actors.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 697—DESIGNATING JULY 2022 AS “PLASTIC POLLUTION ACTION MONTH”**

Mr. MERKLEY submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 697

Whereas plastic pollution represents a global threat that will require individual and collective action, both nationally and internationally, to address;

Whereas, since the 1950s, over 8,000,000,000 tons of plastic have been produced worldwide;

Whereas, in the United States—

(1) just 9 percent of plastic waste is sorted for recycling; and

(2) less than 3 percent of plastic waste is recycled into a similar quality product;

Whereas a recent study found that, despite the United States only accounting for 4 percent of the global population in 2016, in that same year the United States—

(1) generated 17 percent of all plastic waste; and

(2) ranked third among all countries contributing to coastal plastic pollution;

Whereas single-use plastics account for at least 40 percent of the plastic produced every year;

Whereas over 12,000,000 tons of plastic waste enter the ocean every year from land-based sources alone;

Whereas, if no action is taken, the flow of plastics into the ocean is expected to triple by 2040;

Whereas studies estimate that there are between 15,000,000,000,000 and 51,000,000,000,000 pieces of plastic in the oceans;

Whereas, globally, 100,000 marine mammals die every year as a result of plastic pollution;

Whereas plastics, and associated chemicals of plastics, directly impact human health;

Whereas studies suggest that, every week, humans swallow the amount of plastic that is in a credit card;

Whereas taking action to reduce plastic use, collect and clean up litter, and reuse and recycle more plastics will lead to less plastic pollution;

Whereas, every July, people challenge themselves to reduce their plastic footprint through “Plastics Free July”;

Whereas, during the International Coastal Cleanup in 2020, nearly 950,000 people across the globe cleaned up over 10,000 tons of plastic from beaches;

Whereas switching to reusable items instead of single-use items can prevent waste, save water, and reduce litter; and

Whereas July 2022 is an appropriate month to designate as Plastic Pollution Action Month to recommit to taking action, individually and as a country, to reduce plastic pollution: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates July 2022 as “Plastic Pollution Action Month”; and

(2) recognizes the dangers to human health and the environment posed by plastic pollution; and

(3) encourages all individuals in the United States to protect, conserve, maintain, and rebuild the environment by responsibly participating in activities to reduce plastic pollution in July 2022 and year-round.